



Homework Policy

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This policy has been written to indicate that our school believes that education is a life-long process that is not restricted to just school.

We have regular homework as part of our whole curriculum to extend and enrich our children's learning. Our homework policy reflects the overall aims of the school and the way in which we value children taking initiative and responsibility for their own learning, which is motivated by their class work and then carried through in their own time and sustained by their own enthusiasm.

We believe that homework should be a relevant and valuable experience and therefore we aim to ensure that it will always be appropriate in type, quantity, time allowed and level according to the needs, interests and abilities of the children.

We believe that a home school partnership, which includes homework, is essential in maximising each child's potential.

We also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs and organisations that play an important part in the lives of many children. We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at school, and we believe they develop their skills, interests and talents to the full when parents encourage them to make maximum use of the experiences and opportunities that are available outside of school. We also recognize the importance of time spent just being around family and friends, relaxing and developing social skills.

Purpose of Homework

- To encourage children to develop the practice of independent learning, creativity and initiative.
- To develop perseverance, self-discipline and self-motivation in our children.
- To extend the learning environment beyond the classroom.
- To review, enrich and extend children's learning.
- To involve parents, teachers and other adults in a partnership that values learning.
- To contribute towards raising standards of achievement.
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Teachers will ensure the following:

Essential homework will be set as follows:

Reception: Reading and key words/phonics

Years 1 to 6: Reading, Weekly spellings and mental maths /times tables (appropriate to child's ability)

At the beginning of each term each class will receive a 'pick and mix' homework detailing six different activities for the children to choose from. They will be encouraged to complete at least 1 piece of homework for the term which will be showcased to parents after school on a specified day. If the children wish they can do as many of the choices as they would like.

We want to see what the children can do independently with the support of their parents e.g. in providing craft materials, helping with research on the internet or in books.

The pick and mix homework tasks will be put on the website at the beginning of each term.

Additional homework may be given where appropriate.

If parents have any problems or questions about homework, they should contact their child's class teacher.